

**SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 30, 2020
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

PRESENT: Commissioners Anthony Dawson; Isaias Miranda; Evelise Ribeiro; Gregory Smith; and Donald Walker (joined- 6:12 p.m.)

Chief Otoniel Reyes: Department of Police Service
Assistant Chief Renee Dominguez: Department of Police Service
Assistant Chief Karl Jacobson (joined- 6:49 p.m.): Department of Police Service
Assistant Chief Herbert Sharp: Department of Police Service
Lieutenant David Zannelli: Department of Police Service
Sergeant Dana Smith: Department of Police Service
Sergeant Yelena Borisova: Department of Police Service
Officer Raul Pereira: Department of Police Service
Ramon Davis: Administrative Assistant II

Michael Wolak, Esquire: Senior Deputy Corporation Counsel

Gerald Antunes: Board of Alders
Julio Alicea
Allan Appel: New Haven Independent
Shaelees Bell
Natalie Crosby
John Dantona
Christopher Gargiulo
Guiseppe Izzo
Tray Miller
Alex Rivera
Kaelyn Sheehy
Josue Vega

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m., Anthony Dawson, Chair, presiding. The Chair read an excerpt from the Special Meeting Notification/Agenda into the record as follows: A Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners will take place on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., and will be conducted due to the current public health crisis, as a virtual meeting utilizing “Zoom” technology. The public can access to participate by the following methods: ...

The point of the agenda is to discuss and act on the recommendation to remove the following candidates from Eligibility List #19-37:

Justin Summers

Josue Vega

Christopher Gargiulo
Guiseppe Izzo

Shelees Bell
Kaelyn Sheehy

Also, consideration, discussion and action on the application of the following former officers to be reinstated as New Haven police officers:

Natalie Crosby
Alex Rivera

- The commissioners introduced themselves.
- Assistant Chief Sharp stated that Mr. Izzo was the only one of the five candidates present facing removal who opted to be heard in open session.
- Commissioner Dawson stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Summers indicating that he would be unable to attend the meeting because he was working on the frontlines at Yale New Haven Hospital's Emergency Room.
- Mr. Guiseppe Izzo addressed the commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ** **Commissioner Smith moved to Enter Executive Session for Personnel Matters**
- ** **Commissioner Miranda seconded**
- ** **Unanimously passed**

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved to Exit Executive Session**
- ** **Commissioner Smith seconded**
- ** **Unanimously passed**

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved to Enter Executive Session for Consideration and Discussions of the Applications from Former Officers to be Reappointed**
- ** **Commissioner Walker seconded**
- ** **Unanimously passed**

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved to Exit Executive Session**
- ** **Commissioner Miranda seconded**
- ** **Unanimously passed**

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:21 p.m.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Discussion and action on the recommendation to remove the following candidates from Eligibility List #19-37:

** Commissioner Walker moved to Approve the Removal of Justin Summers from the Eligibility List #19-37
** Commissioner Smith seconded
** Unanimously passed

** Commissioner Ribeiro moved to Approve the Removal of Josue Vega from the Eligibility List #19-37
** Commissioner Smith seconded
** Unanimously passed

** Commissioner Walker moved to Approve the Removal Christopher Gargiulo from the Eligibility List #19-37
** Commissioner Smith seconded
** Unanimously passed

** Commissioner Walker moved to Approve the Removal of Guiseppe Izzo from the Eligibility List #19-37
** Commissioner Miranda seconded
** Unanimously passed

** Commissioner Walker moved to Approve the Removal of Shaelees Bell from the Eligibility List #19-37
** Commissioner Smith seconded
** Unanimously passed

** Commissioner Ribeiro moved Not to Approve the Recommendation to Remove Kaelyn Sheehy from the Eligibility List #19-37
** Commissioner Smith seconded
** Unanimously passed

** Commissioner Ribeiro moved to Approve a Retest for Kaelyn Sheehy for the Polygraph
** Commissioner Walker seconded
** Unanimously passed

Consideration, discussion and action on the application of the following former officers to be reinstated as New Haven police officers:

** Commissioner Ribeiro moved for the Consideration and Approval for the Reinstatement of Former Officer Natalie Crosby
** Commissioner Smith seconded

** Unanimously passed

** Commissioner Ribeiro moved for the Consideration and Approval for the Reinstatement of Former Officer Alex Rivera

** Commissioner Walker seconded

** Unanimously passed

** **Commissioner Walker moved to Adjourn the Special Meeting**

** **Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**

** **Unanimously passed**

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2020

The Board adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sotonye Otunba-Payne